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SUBJECT: "THE PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY ORGANIZATION OF 1975" HR 10230

FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ATTACHES AND COUNSELORS

--- CIRCULAR TELEGRAM

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR SCIENTIFIC ATTACHES ON HR 10230 TO ESTABLISH A SCIENCE POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING AN OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE. FULL TEXT WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS. A DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL BE APPOINTED AND THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS FOUR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS. THERE WILL BE A FEDERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SURVEY COMMITTEE WITH 5 TO 12 QUALIFIED MEMBERS, ASSIGNED FOR 24 MONTHS TO PROVIDE A REPORT.

3. THE BILL, THE SHORT TITLE OF WHICH IS "THE PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY ORGANIZATION OF 1975," SPELS OUT FOR THE DIRECTOR WIDE FUNCTIONS OF ADVICE ABOUT SCIENCE TO THE PRESIDENT AND OF ANALYSIS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS. THESE MATTERS, OF COURSE, EMBRACE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THUS THE DIRECTOR "SHALL ASSESS AND ADVISE ON POLICIES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL ADVANCE THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES," AND HE "SHALL IDENTIFY AND ASSESS EMERGING AND FUTURE AREAS WHERE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY IN ADDRESSING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS."

4. IN THE ACT'S DECLARATION OF POLICY AND ITS ENUMERATION OF PRINCIPLES IS SIMILARLY "THE CONDUCT OF SCIENCE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS SO AS TO SERVE DOMESTIC NEEDS WHILE PROMOTING FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES, AND, THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, TO MAINTAIN BALANCE IN THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY AND IN WORLD TRADE MARKETS." KISSINGER

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